

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As indicated above, claims 1-24 have been cancelled. New claims 25-44 are submitted as set forth above. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the new claims.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 3 has been cancelled as set forth above. Applicants assert that the rejection is now moot.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)


Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,671,745 issued to Mathur et al. (hereinafter "Mathur"). Claims 1-24 are cancelled as set forth above. New claims 25-44 are submitted as set forth above. Applicants believe that the new claims 25-44 include allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the same.

III. Request for Reconsideration

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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